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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

GARCIA-LUNA-ACEVES ET AL.

Examiner

Ricardo Pizarro

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 2 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 June 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 15 June 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

For better reading of the claims, it is suggested to applicant:

In claim 1 line 3 replace "the next hop" with –a next hop-, in line 4 insert "said" before -neighbor- and before –destination-.

In claim 5 line 3 replace "the next hop" with –a next hop- .

In claim 8 line 3 replace "the next hop" with –a next hop-.

In claim 11 line 3 replace "the next hop" with –a next hop-, in line 4 replace "the path " with –a path -

In claim 14 line 3 replace "the next hop" with – a next hop-, in line 4 replace "the path " with – a path-.

In claim 16 line 3 replace "the next hop" with –a next hop-, in line 4 replace "the path" with – a path-.

In claim 18 line 3 replace " the next hop" with – a next hop-, in line 4 replace "the path" with –a path-.

In claim 20 replace "the next hop" with – a next hop-, in line 4 replace "the path" with –a path-.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-20 are allowed.

Examiner's statement of reasons for Allowance

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: For claims 1, 5, 8 and 14 no prior art of record was found for a method for routing data packets in a wireless network at a node j comprising selecting a neighbor p as the next hop in a route from node i to destination j if, the path from said neighbor p to destination j does not include node i and does not repeat any node, and $D'_{yp} < D'_{yx}$ wherein D'_{yp} is the distance value of the route from node j to node y through neighbor p and D'_{yx} is the distance value of the route from node i to node y through neighbor x

For claims 11, 16 and 18 no prior art of record was found for a method for routing packets in a wireless network at a node l comprising selecting a neighbor p as the next hop in a route from node l to destination j if the path from neighbor p to destination j does not include node l and does not repeat any node, $D'_{yp} < D'_{yx}$ wherein D'_{yp} is the distance value of the route from node j to node y through neighbor p and D'_{yx} is the distance value of the route from node i to node y through neighbor x . , sending a unicast routing update from a node to a neighbor if the neighbor is upstream from the destination.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

US patent No. 6,836,463 (Garcia-Luna-Aceves) discloses a system for communication labeled routing trees to establish preferred paths and source routes, wherein the a path from node c to node f, does not include d (fig. 2c).

US patent No. 6,816,460 (Ahmed) discloses location based routing, wherein $D_{yp} < D_{yx}$ for any other neighbor x and for all nodes y in the path from destination to neighbor (col 5 lines 14-19)

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

5. Any response to this action should be mailed to:

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Ricardo Pizarro** whose telephone number is (571) 272-3077. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM. The fax number for this Group is (703) 872-9306.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Chau Nguyen** can be reached on (571) 272-3126.

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